



PATENT APPLICATION

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For: OPERATING UNIT OF A VEHICLE HAVING AN AUTOMATIC BRAKING
DEVICE

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SECOND AMENDMENT BEFORE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Prior to issuance of the first Office Action in the
above-identified application, kindly enter the following:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Applicant makes changes to page 13 of this application as
indicated on the attached marked-up page. Replacement page 13
is provided herewith with the changes entered thereon.

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicant amends Claims 1-7 as indicated on the attached
marked-up pages. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121, replacement
pages with the amended claims presented in clean form are
attached to this paper.

REMARKS

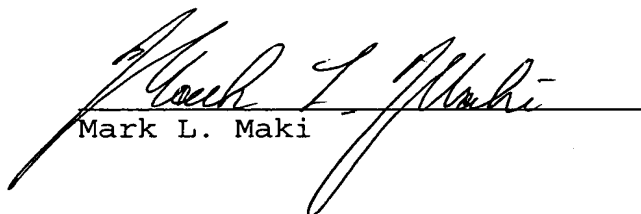
Prior to issuance of a first Office Action, Applicant
respectfully requests entry of the present amendment in order
to amend Claims 1-7 for clarity. Further, Applicant hereby
amends page 13 of the specification to add an additional
sentence describing the operation of the brake system. This

specification insert is fully supported by the disclosure including Figure 3 of this application. Approval thereof is respectfully solicited.

Still further, Applicant submits a Letter to the Official Draftsperson to amend Figure 3. Specifically, the amendments to Figure 3 correct an obvious typographical errors in the words "start" and "read" and also conform Figure 3 to the language "speed signal T4" as used in the specification.

No new matter is entered by the amendments to the claims, specification or drawings and approval thereof is respectfully solicited. Further and favorable consideration of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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